

Minutes of March 12, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of March 5th were waived until next week's meeting.

The Board announced that the closing of acceptance of warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting is March 23rd.

The Board noted that it had a work meeting to review FY13 budgets - it was further noted that currently the proposed budget is under the levy limit. The Board also reviewed proposed articles for capital expenditures for a new fire truck and a new highway truck.

The Board announced that the Town Caucus will be on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Selectman Yohalem noted that he had met with some of the department heads and that the Fire Department is looking for more volunteers. Mr. Yohalem believed that ads should be placed for the additional help.

Susan Smith appeared before the Board to discuss the Selectmen's proposal for a committee to be formed regarding community schools. Kenzie Fields thanked the Board for sending the letter to the school committee. She advised the Board that she had a conversation with School Committee Chairman, Herb Abelow, about forming the sub-committee to deal with the issues and that Mr. Abelow felt that the school committee might have different ideas as to who would be on the committee. The Chair advised that she hasn't spoken with all the other towns yet regarding the matter and that she would like all 5 towns to be involved at this Thursday's school committee meeting.

Cultural Council Co-Chair, Barbara Lowman appeared before the Board to present the 2012 Local Cultural Council Grants to the following:

Applicant	Business Name
Mrs. Debora O'Brien	Friends of the New Marlborough Library
Ms. Tara White	New Marlborough Board of Selectmen
Ms. Lori Bashour	Berkshire Playwrights Lab
Ms. Laura Endacott & Mr. Marius Louw	Project Bee

Ms. Roberta Sarnacki
Ms. Nardacci
Ms. Paula Hatch
Mrs. Amy Murray & Ms. Carol Ide

Mr. John Manikowski
Mrs. Louise Yohalem
Mrs. Jane Burke
Ms. Michaela Loring
Also

Mt. Everett, Latin American Music
Berkshire Festival of Women Writers
Berkshire Bach Society
Undermountain 3rd Plymouth Rock Plantation
trip
“Murder by Food” short story contest
Music & More series support
Flying Cloud Institute
Sheffield Whinnies 4-H Club
Shakespeare & Company
IS 183 Art School
Winter Solstice Wreath Workshop
Berkshire Children’s Chorus
Bazaar Productions – Berkshire Fringe

Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board to review and discuss her proposed FY13 budgets.

Administrative Advisory Committee members: Harvey Thompson, Chair, Prudence Spaulding, Barbara Marchione, B. Daniel Litchfield, III, and Burton Imberman appeared before the Board with their recommendations regarding a Town Administrator. Mr. Thompson advised that they could not find many differences between a Town Administrator and an Administrative Assistant, so they would recommend not moving ahead at this point. The Board felt that the committee members had done a great job and thanked them for all of their work.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant